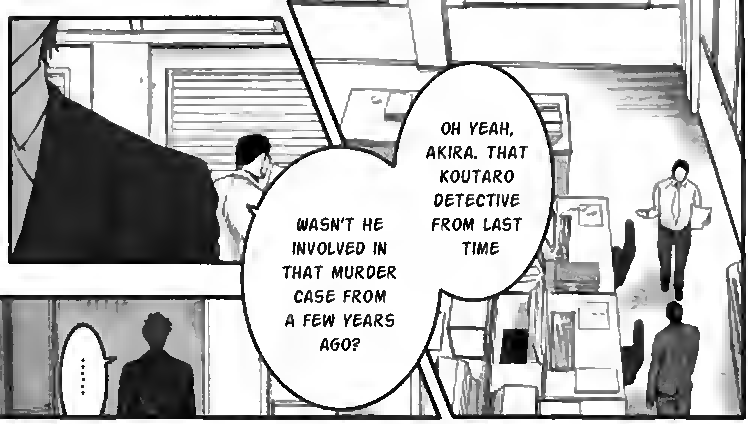
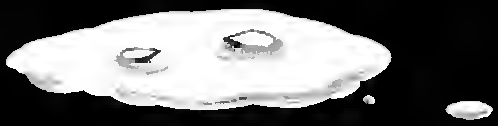


Black Robinia

I must not think of the past... No matter how strong the impulse is to think back.

Because it's not possible to go back to the past ...

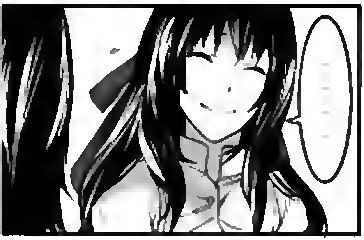


Back then, we were really happy.
In those days, we called ourselves detectives, running around investigating things at school ...
RUSTLE
HI, I'M HERE!
KOUTARO
HUFF
I'M SO TIRED!
TARO
COULD YOU BEHAVE YOURSELF?
HEY - HEY-?
UHM ...
AKIRA

But,

And had things gone wrong, I would have been impaled on the broken table leg that was placed there.

KNOCKING
AKIRA IS A REALLY LUCKY PERSON
REALLY?
CREAK
BROTHER
I BROUGHT SOME TEA.
UHM.
PLEASE
THANK YOU



She's called Koutarou Miu.

She is Rei's sister.
Although Rei's family rich and famous, their family life is far from happy.
But,
Since he was little, Rei was raised as the heir to the family, but Miu was treated as the unwanted child.

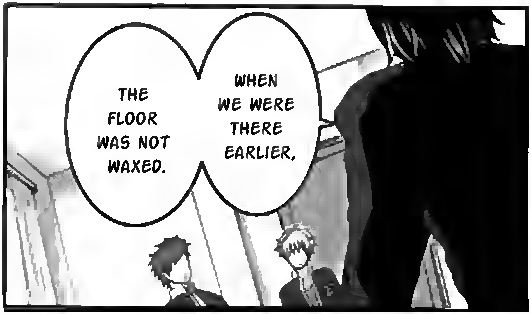
Even though she's two years younger than Koutarou, she's very reliable. She always helps her older brother.
It's not like that, brother.
Huh? How to use this? Maybe I should use some cash.
...when you see her, you can't see those scars.
LOOK THERE'S A BIRD NEST OVER THERE
?
At a glance, she seems very calm.
But sometimes, she can act reckless
MIU?!
WHY ARE YOU HURT?!
A LITTLE BIRD FELL OUT
IT'S SO HIGH! YOU CLIMBED UP THERE!?
I JUST HAD SOME TROUBLE CLIMBING DOWN
WHAT'S WRONG ...?
AKIRA?
This is also one of her virtues, except...

slam...
THEN, PLEASE ENJOY, EVERY-BODY
She can be very perceptive, just like her brother
UHM ..
AH, NOTHING
GULP!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!!!
MIU-CHAN HAS BECOME REALLY CUTE!
HAHAHAHA...
HEY! YOUR SISTER, REI
BACK THEN ..
HAHA ..
HUH?
..RIGHT, AKIRA?
EVEN IF YOU WORRY ABOUT ME NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN
.....
sss-t!
hey Aki is angry!!

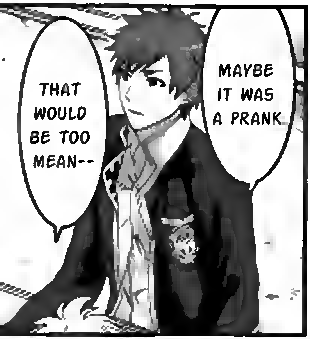
"I only have one person, Miu, in my family."
I slowly began to understand why.
Rei always liked to worry too much, to the point where he becomes unreasonable.
Rei would say this often. It must have come from the bottom of his heart...
HEY!!
For me, Miu is like a sister.
Back then, I still...

HEY, EHM ...
I'M FINE!! I'M FINE!!
PAT
DID YOU GET HIT OR SOMETHING?
?
You are acting weird today !!
THAT'S GOOD!
BUT LOOKING BACK, WHY WOULD THEY PUT WAX THERE?
EVEN IF IT IS A CARELESS ACT THERE IS A LIMIT!

THIS WAS NOT A CARELESS ACT.


THE FLOOR WAS NOT WAXED.
WHEN WE WERE THERE EARLIER,

HUH?!


THAT WOULD BE TOO MEAN--
MAYBE IT WAS A PRANK.

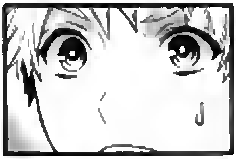
EN..

IT WAS OBVIOUSLY SET UP ALREADY.
HOWEVER, AFTER THAT

TABLES, COMPLETE TRASH, WERE PLACED THERE PURPOSELY DURING THE DAY.
EXACTLY!
THOSE WERE PLACED THERE TODAY.

ALSO, THOSE TABLES

SO IT IS NOT A PRANK AT ALL



OF COURSE.. IT WAS A TRAP, TO KILL SOMEONE

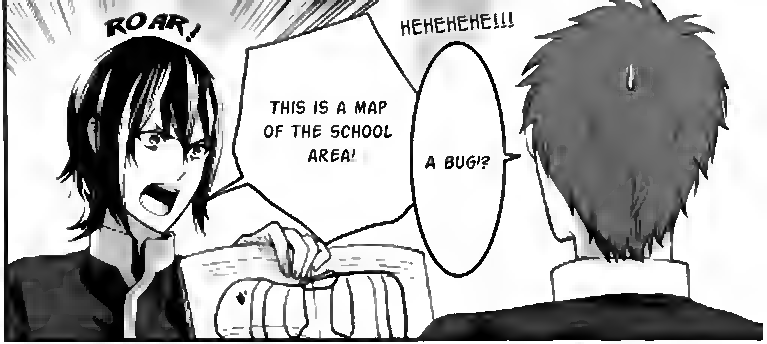
~SILENCE~

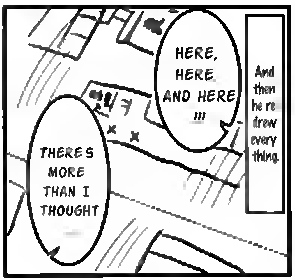
BUT, IN ORDER TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS FROM HAPPENING THE BROKEN TABLES LEG SHOULD HAVE BEEN WRAPPED IN TOWELS
!!

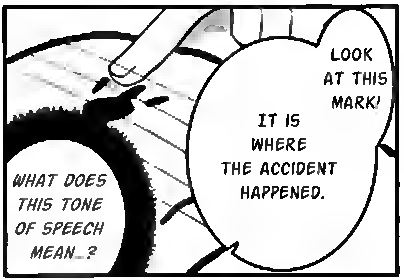
IT CAN'T BE A MURDER THAT'S TOO RIDICULOUS...
HAHAHA IT CAN'T BE ..
IF YOU THINK SO, THEN ...
EXPLAIN THIS TO ME.
THE STAIRS WERE COVERED WITH WAX.
BY CHANCE
THERE WERE DISCARDED TABLES PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF THOSE STAIRS
AGAIN BY CHANCE
THE TOWELS WRAPPED AROUND THE TABLE LEG WERE TAKEN OFF.
SO?
ON THE CONTRARY, I FEEL YOUR THEORY IS RIDICULOUS.
SO ...
THIS REALLY ISN'T... UHM... NORMAL.

WAIT A MINUTE
I ONLY HAPPENED TO BE THERE BY CHANCE!
BUT,
I'M JUST SAYING
IT..
IT CAN'T BE!!
WHY WOULD SOMEONE WANT TO KILL AKIRA?!
GLANCE...
.....?
THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IF AKIRA WOULD BE THERE AND THEY STILL WENT THROUGH WITH THIS
REI..?

IF THAT'S REALLY THE CASE, THEN
IT'S INEVITABLE.
THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WITH HATEFUL INTENTIONS IN THE STUDENT BODY
OR
BANG!
HERE
LIKE THIS
UHM
LEAVE IT TO ME!!
TARO
DO YOU HAVE THE DATA ON ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY CARELESS ACTS UNTIL TODAY?
AND THEN
THIS ONE
?


ROAR!
THIS IS A MAP OF THE SCHOOL AREA!
HEHEHEHE!!!
A BUG!?


HERE, HERE AND HERE !!!
And then he re drew every thing.
THERE'S MORE THAN I THOUGHT


LOOK AT THIS MARK!
IT IS WHERE THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED.
WHAT DOES THIS TONE OF SPEECH MEAN..?

LOW DOWN YOUR VOICE!
DON'T LET MIU HEAR US!
IT'S TRUE.
WHO WOULD DO THIS ON PURPOSE ....?

OPEN

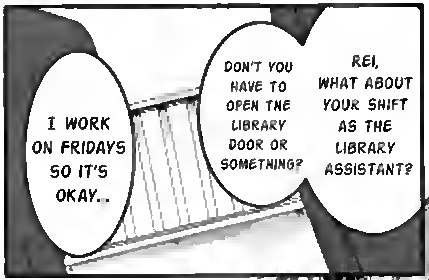
SEX : PANT
?
?
EVERYONE! HOW ABOUT SOME CAKES ..?
WHAT'S WRONG?
UH... NOTHING'S WRONG!!
HEY!
ドン
THEN,
LET'S CONTINUE
CLOSE
PHEW——..
UH..
HEY!!
WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO DISCUSS
HA?
WHAT?

THIS IS...
HOWEVER, I TRIED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE ALL THE ACCIDENTS HAPPENED.
EVEN THOUGH NOTHING BAD HAPPENED...
THEY ALL OCCUR AROUND THESE TWO AREAS.
THE LIBRARY —
THE ARCHERY FIELD AND—
IT SEEMED SPREAD OUT BUT IT WAS ACTUALLY VERY FOCUSSED
ARCHERY FIELD
The archery field and the library...? They're so far from each other...
LIBARY
THERE'S TOO LITTLE INFORMATION ...
ALSO,
SIGH—...

MAY I ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS?
SO IT'S LIKE THAT
Witness 1
SO, IN THE END, YOU STILL DIDN'T FIND THE PERSON WHO WAXED THE FLOOR ...?
GASP-
WHEN I REALIZED, IT WAS TOO LATE!
Witness 2
AH? WHEN I RAN PAST THE WINDOW? I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE THE CLEANING TOOLS WERE THERE!!
OH, I GOT IT!
Witness 4
THERE'S A LOT OF CLEAN-UP AFTER EACH INCIDENT FOR US.
ACTUALLY THIS IS ALSO A PROBLEM FOR THE TEACHERS ...
SO THERE'S THE MYTH OF THE "DEMON OF THURSDAY"
INCIDENTS LIKE THIS HAPPEN VERY OFTEN ON THURSDAYS
Witness 3

DING DONG

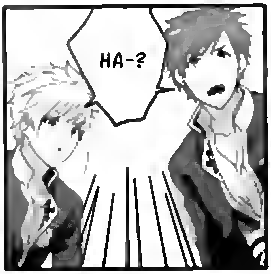
In the end, we even skipped our club activities because we were so caught up in the mystery.


I WORK ON FRIDAYS SO IT'S OKAY..
DON'T YOU HAVE TO OPEN THE LIBRARY DOOR OR SOMETHING?
REI, WHAT ABOUT YOUR SHIFT AS THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT?

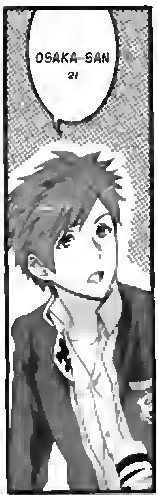
UNTIL THIS DAY SOME INCIDENTS ARE STILL UNRECORDED IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THESE INCIDENTS ARE BEING ORCHESTRATED BY SOMEONE
IF THESE INCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY CARELESS ACTS, THERE'S TOO MUCH UNEXPLAINED
OPEN
THEN, DO YOU GUYS HAVE ANY NEWS?

WHAT I CARE ABOUT IS,
THIS "DEMON OF THURSDAY".
AREN'T THE INCIDENTS UNRELATED TO THE DAY OF THE WEEK?
THAT NOTICE WAS CREATED BY THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT.
THE SAME FLOOR AS, US, THE 10TH GRADERS.
ESPECIALLY, NEAR THE MAIN DOORS AND THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE EAST BUILDING.
ACTUALLY, THERE ARE A LOT INCIDENTS OCCURRED NEAR THE LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL
ALL OTHER INCIDENTS OCCURED NEAR THE ARCHERY FIELD DURING THE DAY

EH?!


HA-?

!!
!
CREAK!


OSAKA-SAN
?!

HEY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

UHM...
SHINBU ...

HAHAHA
HOW COME YOU TWO CAME TO SUCH A COLD PLACE...?
SPEAKING OF COLD, AREN'T YOU GUYS HANGING OUT HERE TOO...?
YEAH!

WE HAVE SOME SECRET THINGS TO TALK ABOUT!
SMILE

YOU WOULDN'T FEEL COLD IF YOU WORE THAT JACKET FROM LAST WEEK, WHEN WE WENT TO THE LIBRARY TOGETHER
REALLY! SHINBU IS TOO DELICATE!
BUT...

ORIGINALLY, WE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NOBODY HERE
AH, SO COLD!

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WEAR IT, YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE IT TO ME DON'T LET IT BE SO WASTEFUL
SIGH~
DON'T BE LIKE THAT!

THERE YOU GO AGAIN! SHINBU YOU CARE TOO MUCH WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK!
THAT BIG PUFFY JACKET IS TOO EMBARRASSING!!
IMPOSSIBLE!
Is that so?!

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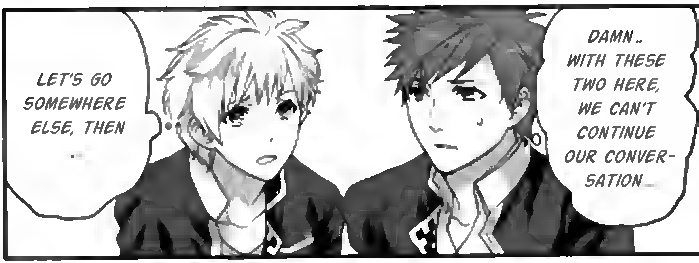

LET'S GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, THEN
DAMN.. WITH THESE TWO HERE, WE CAN'T CONTINUE OUR CONVERSATION...

STEP

THEN, WE'RE LEAVING.
OH? OKAY!

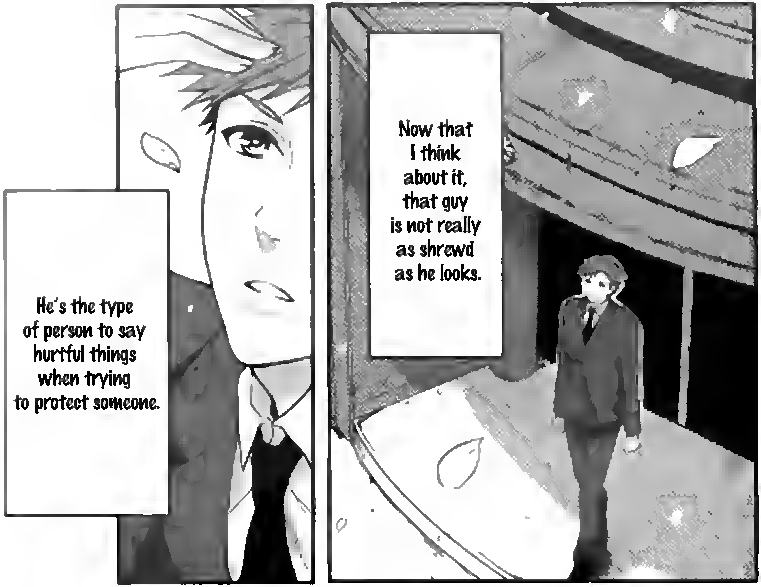
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. I'M SORRY!!
DID YOU DO THAT ON PURPOSE ..?
OUCH!
OUCH!
HUH?
ROLL.
SFX : THUD!
UWAAH!
U...UWAA... I'M SORRY!!
!
IT- IT'S OK!!
IT'S GOING TO STAIN! WE HAVE TO TAKE IT OFF AND WASH IT QUICKLY!

AH
I'LL WASH IT IMMEDIATELY!
I SAID IT'S FINE!!
SFX THUD
—SILENCE—
.....

..IF HE TAKES IT OFF HERE, HE'S GOING TO BE COLD!
is it really ok..?
stranger
SLAM
don't worry about it!
YEAH, RIGHT. I REALLY CAN'T STAND THE COLD. I'M SORRY
!
IT'S OKAY. IT WAS MY FAULT TOO..
I'M GOING TO CHANGE AND COME BACK.

HUH?
THINGS ARE THE SAME AS ALWAYS A STRANGE FELLOW
HA?
AKIRA, ARE YOU ON GOOD TERMS WITH SHINBU?
YOU—
YOU—
REALLY?
WE AREN'T VERY CLOSE BUT HE'S A REALLY NICE PERSON, EVEN TO A NEW GUY LIKE ME
UHM... OKAY!
I WILL NEED YOUR HELP A LITTLE BIT...
GRAB—
TARO...
WHAT?

REI?
IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
. . .
. . . . . .
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, AKIRA!!!
HUH...?!


He's the type of person to say hurtful things when trying to protect someone.
Now that I think about it, that guy is not really as shrewd as he looks.

So, at that time, that's why he must have said those things...

Chapter 3 -END-

To Be Continued...

REI'S INTENTION IS...?

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